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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 7, line 8 through page 8, line 10, please replace this paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

As further embodiments of the special thread ridges (422), there are given a thin layer (it is preferable that once having been formed, it will not fall off from a location of formation as long as it is intentionally peeled off, and it will not be bonded to a member or members, to which the thin layer abuts against) of a resin (typified by "Nylok" (trade mark of Nylok Ltd., in the United States). While being natural, the thin layer may be formed on the

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